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CAMPAIGN '98: GOP U.S. SENATE RACE UPDATE.

Editor's note: Political reporters covering the Calif. Republican Party convention in Anaheim Sept. 26-28 probably thought they'd get a good chance to compare all 3 GOP candidates seeking to oust U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) in '98. No such luck. Here's our analysis...

...All three GOP candidates were at the CRP convention - but for whatever reasons - only Calif. Treasurer Matt Fong made himself available for a news conference with reporters. San Diego Mayor Susan Golding and San Diego business exec Darrell Issa were *stealth candidates*: they were at the convention, but you could hardly see them...

...Issa's campaign held a news conference, but it was campaign manager Scott Taylor who did the talking. The purpose of the news conference was to release a new survey by the campaign's new polling firm, Wirthlin Worldwide. But no sooner had Taylor seated himself when reporters wanted to know why Issa would not meet with them and accused Taylor of *hiding* the candidate. And Taylor heard those words no campaign manager ever wants to hear: *Michael Huffington*...

...For those who are *poll driven*, here's what the new Wirthlin survey showed: Among 1,001 Calif. voters, from Sept. 17 -23, in an Open Primary, Boxer gets **42%**, followed by Fong at **12%**, Issa and Golding both at **10%**, with the rest undecided...

...Among GOP voters in an open primary, with a 260 oversample of Republican voters, Issa, Fong & Golding are all at **19%**, with Boxer getting 12% and undecided at 31%. The last question was about Boxer's reelect number: reelect **36%**, new person **44%** and undecided **20%**. Do GOP political insiders believe the gap between unknown Darrell Issa and his two GOP rivals has

disappeared?? It's a very mixed response...

...Interestingly, Issa's campaign believes Golding, once focused, will be the tougher of the two challengers, *if she raises the money*. FYI: Golding just added Brian Kraft as campaign mgr. and Keith Coplen as finance director. Her campaign thus far can best be described as *lethargic*, so perhaps these new additions will help...

... As for Fong, he's positioned between Golding in the middle and Issa on the far right. But Issa's claim that he is the only GOP pro-life U.S. Senate candidate isn't accurate. Fong's is opposed to 2nd & 3rd trimester abortions, with the exception of rape, incest or where the mother's life is threatened. And he's opposed to federal funding and late term abortions. As for *Roe vs. Wade*, Fong says it's the law, but he won't go any further, even if pressed. He's also a big *2nd amendment* type and would have opposed the Brady Bill (waiting period) had he been in the Senate. Bottom-line: Fong is really more mainstream than moderate. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: MEASURING THE POLITICAL FALLOUT OVER GOV. WILSON'S VETO OF SB 500.

Editor's note: As **Calpeek** predicted, Gov. Pete Wilson(R) vetoed SB 500, a landmark bill by State Sen. Richard Polanco(D-L.A.) which would have banned the manufacturing & sale of cheap handguns, so-called *Saturday Night Specials*. Here is our brief analysis of the *political fallout* from Gov. Wilson's veto...

...Some **Calpeek** sources suspect that with 1998 just around the corner and 2000 looming in the not-to-distant future, that politics rather than public policy had a much bigger role in this debate over SB 500. Here's why...

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...Wilson still has *Potomac Fever* and no matter what he did on SB 500, he would have angered large groups of supporters on both sides. But had he signed SB 500, Wilson could have kissed his White House dreams good-bye. In Wilson's view, bills such as SB 500 boil down to a question of strong regulation of conventional handguns vs. an outright ban. Sources believe Calif. voters (and Wilson) support strong regulation of handguns, but oppose an outright ban or what they perceive to be heavy bureaucratic controls which deny people access to handguns. In the end, Wilson gave both sides something to cheer about: he signed 4 solid gun regulation bills, but vetoed SB 500...

...Looking at 1998 and SB 500, Demo U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is still looking at the governor's race, urged Wilson to sign Polanco's bill, while GOP gubernatorial candidate Dan Lungren, CA's AG, urged a veto. There's little doubt this issue *will surface* as a major topic in *Campaign '98* should DiFi and Lungren square off. And SB 500 could have implications GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone, who is running for LG. He was one of 3 GOP assemblymembers who voted for SB 500. FYI: Steve Kuykendall and Jim Cunneen were the other two...

...What happens next? Handgun Control, Inc. and the CA Police Chiefs will undoubtedly push for another bill in '98, but the odds of success in an election year aren't great **unless** the flaws are removed from SB 500. One flaw: *line cops* should be exempted. PORAC, the L.A. Police Protective League & the Assn. of L.A. Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) were opposed to SB 500...

...FYI: The veto of SB 500 now gives new importance to making a deal on AB 23 - the rewrite of Calif.'s Roberti-Roos **Assault Weapons law**. Sources say Wilson's staff would like to see Assemblyman Don Perata's bill on the governor's desk next year, but for that to happen Perata needs to iron out the flaws in AB 23, as well as nail down support from such groups as PORAC, the CA Sheriffs Assn. and the ASSC. Stay tuned...

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER ADDRESSES LINCOLN CLUB
GOP Assemblyman Gary Miller (Diamond Bar) will address members of the Lincoln Club/San Gabriel Valley chpt., 7:30 a.m., Oct. 21, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel. For info ☎ (626)9291304...

CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: Here is some recent news and developments worth noting about Statewide races in '98...

☒ ***Demo Governor's Race*** - State Controller Kathleen Connell is still waiting for U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein to make a decision regarding '98. Connell told **Calpeek** that DiFi holds the key to her decision. "She's a remarkable senator," Connell said, noting that she'll seek reelection and back DiFi over Al Checchi and Gray Davis should the senator run for governor. If DiFi doesn't run, then Connell will enter the race. And while she may not be as well funded as Checchi or perhaps Davis, Connell expects to end '97 with \$2 million in the bank. Her campaign team will remain the same as in '94: Mandy Grunwald handling tv/media and Diane Feldman of The Feldman Group on polling...

...Lt. Gov. Gray Davis picked up endorsements from The Rev. Cecil Murray at L.A.'s 1st AME church and from Assemblymembers Kevin Murray and Rod Wright. Davis now has 11 members of the Calif. legislature supporting his candidacy...

☒ ***AG's Race*** - On the Demo side, former Congresswoman Lynn Schenk of San Diego has signed S.F.-based Staton Hughes & Shafer as part of her campaign team for the AG's race. Schenk already has hired The Campaign Group...

...On the GOP side, Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi got \$25,000 worth of free news media coverage when the Calif. Republican Party *refused* to rent him a \$100 booth at the recent CRP convention...

☒ ***GOP Treasurer's Race*** - GOP Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith of Poway *reconfirms* his commitment to run for CA Treasurer after the latest ruling on term limits. Meanwhile, Goldsmith's chief Republican rival, San Mateo Co. Sup. Ruben Barrales, picks up the endorsement of the No. Calif. Lincoln Club...

COMMONWEALTH CLUB HOSTS S.F. MAYOR BROWN

S.F. Mayor Willie Brown will address the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Oct. 16, Sheraton Palace Hotel. Brown's topic: S.F. - The International City. For info ☎ (415)597-6705...

DOWNTOWN L.A. SPORTS ARENA DEBATED OCT. 18.

Public funding of sports facilities (specifically a proposed \$250 million arena in downtown L.A.) will be debated at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 18, Heritage Hall Auditorium on the USC Campus. Century Cable TV's Bill Rosendahl will moderate. The debate is hosted by the Unruh Inst. of Politics & the Nexus Forums. Cost is \$6. For info ☎(213)740-8964 or (310)838-1054...

CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: STATE TERM LIMIT LAW IS KILLED AGAIN. CASE MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT.

Editor's note: No real shock, as just about everyone predicted that the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals would uphold a lower federal court ruling which declared that Calif.'s *Term Limit Law* unconstitutional. Here's our brief analysis...

...The political future is extremely uncertain now that a second federal court has held Prop. 140 unconstitutional. Some 26 lawmakers who are *termed out* in '98 are impacted by this latest ruling. If the ruling stands, then it's likely some of the 26 may run for reelection. In the meantime, supporters of term limits are preparing another initiative...

...As for the legal ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the only thing that was surprising about this 2-1 ruling was the logic used by the two justices who upheld Federal Judge Claudia Wilken's original ruling - based upon the *lifetime ban*. Judges Stephen Reinhardt and Betty Fletcher said they found the law unconstitutional because the State *failed to let voters know* that the ban was permanent for those *termed out* of office...

...As **Calpeek** hit deadline the odds were pretty good that the U.S. Supreme Court will take this case. We should know by Oct. 13th. There is all sorts of legal speculation. Some sources expect the nation's high court to: **1)** keep the stay in place (meaning those 26 lawmakers who are *termed out* still can't run for reelection); and **2)** possibly order the Calif. Supreme Court to once again review Prop. 140 to see if it is in fact a *lifetime ban*...

...FYI: Tossing Prop. 140 back to the Calif. Supreme Court is a *legal bomb* that Chief Justice Ronald George and his associate justices don't need. George has

already angered voters over "3 Strikes" & "parental consent" and doesn't need this term limit time bomb ticking as he prepares to face voters for confirmation in November of 1998. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another update on U.S. House races in Calif. --- with the emphasis on fundraising activities and other bits of useful information. For the fundraising, **Calpeek** used the FEC website to gather info on fundraising activity...

☒ **46th CD** - Will the U.S. House of Representatives vote for a new election in this Orange Co. CD now represented by freshman Demo Loretta Sanchez? According former Congressman Bob Dornan(R), the answer is YES -- and Dornan says the votes to void the '96 results have been there since last July. But nothing has happened since Dornan issued that statement during a news conference at the CA Republican Party convention in Anaheim on Sept. 27th. With Dornan, there's no such thing as a short answer, but to the question of him returning to the U.S. House, he said, "You bet I wanna go back." So it's just a guess on our part, but we place the odds of him running again in '98 at 50/50, which probably is not good news for 46th CD GOP candidates Lisa Hughes and Anaheim Councilman Bob Zemel. Dornan lost to Sanchez by 984 votes, but the election has been under a cloud due to allegations of illegal citizen voting. FYI: the *L.A. Times* reports that the Orange Co. Grand Jury is now taking testimony about these allegations...

☒ **3rd CD** - This is the Sacto area CD now represented by U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio(D). The only GOP challenger listed in the FEC report is a Charles Eugene Schaupp, who has \$96 in the bank vs. Fazio's COH of \$371,691. But the bigger piece of news is that GOP Assemblywoman Barbara Alby of Sacto tells **Calpeek** that she's 90% sure she'll take on Fazio in '98 --- and she's confident she can win...

L.A. COUNCILMAN ALARCON DISCUSSES VALLEY ISSUES AT L.A. CURRENT AFFAIRS FORUM OCT. 20.
L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon addresses the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 1:30 a.m. reception, 12 p.m. lunch, Oct. 20, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. For info and RSVPs ☎ Emma Schafer (213)627-7427...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Oct. 14	S.F. Mayor Willie Brown delivers the State of City address.
Oct. 15	Prop. 208 trial begins in U.S. District Court, Sacramento.
Oct. 23	U.S. Rep. Jay Kim to be sentenced in connection with his guilty plea to campaign reporting violations, L.A. Federal Court.
Oct. 26	End of daylight savings time.
Oct. 27	Democratic Leadership Council(DLC) annual conference, Washington DC
Nov. 4	Election Day - S.F. City Attorney & Treasurer; + other local elections.
Nov. 7-8	Christian Coalition of Calif., Road To Victory Calif. Conference, Long Beach.
Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Nov. 18	46th AD Special Election (primary).
Dec. 1	CA Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George addresses TownHall, L.A.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts. - West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.
Dec. 6-8	Nat'l League of Cities meeting, Philadelphia.
Jan. 26-28	Amer. Assn. of Political Consultants Winter Conf., Fairmont Hotel, S.F.

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Bounty Hunter Bill Signed** - A bill to impose tighter restrictions for employers who pay individuals (bounty hunters) who register voters with a specific political party has been signed by Gov. Wilson. SB 1077 was authored by Sen. Adam Schiff(D-Burbank) and co-sponsored by SOS Bill Jones(R) and L.A. Co. Registrar Conny McCormack. Example: if the L.A. Co. GOP or Demo Party hires someone to sign up new voters, the parties themselves will be held accountable for the work done by the bounty hunters...

■ **Hernandez Recall Launched** - The day after he returned to his council duties - following alcohol & drug rehab - L.A. Councilman Mike Hernandez was hit with a recall effort, launched Oct. 8th. *The Cmt. to Recall Mike Hernandez* must collect 6,400 valid signatures within 120 days after the petition has been OKed for circulation. Hernandez, 44, was busted Aug. 21st on cocaine possession charges after a long period of surveillance by the LAPD. Assuming recall organ-

izers can raise a modest warchest, some **Calpeek** sources think Hernandez could be *toast* if the recall qualifies...

■ **New Mental Health Committee** - The CA Assembly has set up a new Select Cmt. on Mental Health, with Helen Thomson(D-Davis) as chair. Members who will serve with Thomson include Aroner(D), Ashburn(R), Brewer(R), Hertzberg(D), Pacheco(R) and Strom-Martin(D)...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Howard Gantman, ex L.A. City Hall staffer/press deputy, has been hired as West Coast Director of Govt. Affairs by The Kamber Group/L.A....

● John Nelson, former Director of Communications for ex GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle, has been hired by the Sacto-based campaign consulting firm of Gilliard, Blanning & Associates...

● Franz Wisner has been promoted to VP of Govt. Relations at The Irvine Co. Hired as VP of Corporate Communications at The Irvine Co. is Paul Kranhold, ex press secretary to Gov. Pete Wilson...

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